A Doke Who Was Worthy.

A delightful incident marks the open ing part of Demetra and Kenneth Brown's tory of "The Duke's Price" (Houghton Miffin Company). As Stephana stepped her automobile a gust of wind enmaied her veil with the machine. She ant have fallen, but a stranger, a young an with a strong arm and grave gray es steadied her. Later, when she had ea hed her Fifth avenue home, she hight of this young man. His eyes were norable. Presently she was sumaned by her mother to meet the French like who had come over to marry her. the des ended without enthusiasm to the nawing room. The duke arose. She regarded him. He was the young man of hose eyes she had been thinking.

This was very nice indeed. Not every girl in her situation finds in her duke preselv the object that she could wish him to be As with her, so with him. They were in love with each other from the beginning. This being the case, it is curious at both of them should have been able be blind to the fact. The misunderstanding endured for a long time after they were married. The duke was admirable always patient and kind. His mother and sisters were lovely. So was the old hateau in Touraine. So was the ancestral house in the Faubourg St. Germain. is delightful to read about these places and about these gentle people. Some of people that Stephana met were not so leasan'. Ferdinand de Tournelles was a libertine. Cousin Estelle, Comtesse de Maurienval, was a malicious person. was she who made Stephana jeslous and who arranged for the abduction of Stephana by Ferdinand. This was one of the boldest and most impudent of wicked enterprises. It was happily thwarted. and Ferdinand was adequately punished

I few lines from the vivid description of the duel will show how Ferdinand paid for his rascality. In the duke's eves a cruel light flickered. The baiting f the other began. "Hither and thither he was driven before the relentless point. A delicate lunge pierced his ear and half tore it from his head. A prick in the throat barely breaking the skin-lent terror to his countenance as he realized how utterly he was in Roland's power. Again the merciless point, with a little aideways flick, cut through his nostrils and tore open his cheek to the mutilated The room swam before him. "With a last burst of futile rage he slashed at his opponent blindly as if he held a bludgeon in his hands. His sword flew from his grasp, the lights recied around him and he fell face downward on the floor." After that the duke and Stephana came to an understanding. He deserved his happiness. It is interesting and agreeable to read about him.

In the Days of Sheridan's Ride.

Ravanel says in Mr. T. C. De Leon's "I knew I would find him at last!" If he had said "should" instead f "would" the observation would have been grammatically faultiess. Leading his troopers in gray, Ravanel had bitten hard with his white teeth upon his black mustache as he recognized the Federal leader who was bearing down upon him. The language is stirring at this point.

We may give just a little of it: "There is a hideous shock as of two angry waves. He was once more a civilized man of the striking their crests. Huge dust clouds rise and hang above the rushing squadrons-crash of steel and crunch of hoof. grean of man and scream of wounded beast rising through as the columns strike each other. Fierce is the moles as steel hews flesh, and blow and parry and oath make pandemonium for a while' A little later: "Cur! I have found you!" Ravanel mutters through set teeth as orn of wrist and touch of the opposite spur swing the black half round and the heavy Federal sabre shears down that his shoulder with an ugly whoo!" But ere it is raised his own keen point has through until the hilt grates on his aguilette, and the heavy form, lurching from saddle, almost unseats him as the blade snaps close to hilt.

another brilliant young Confederate, performing an amazing deed. Rob was a sounded prisoner in a Federal hospital. Waiting patiently until all the attendants had gone away, he rose, dressed himself clothes of a Federal soldier who had just died in the next bed, and mounting the dead soldier's horse rode off to the Confederate lines. On the way he chester to rally his broken army. Sheri-Tell everybody Phil Sheridan has Rob would have shot the General. but happily he had no weapons.

the pocket of the dead soldier whose thes he wore an important despatch. His thought, according to the story, was Gordon must have that paper as fast as profe e'er foaled could carry it."

e made note of one more bit of langiage that interested us. Valerie Courenay had written a letter. She had sealed and addressed it to Col. Fraser Ravanel the Officers Hospital. "Then." says story, "she bent her face long upon he white hands, lifting her soul in meekess toward the Throne's foct. And then she raised it the last ray of the wininset struggled through the shadows

" couble with it.

Paul and the Wieked Buchess. s the case sometimes that trouble of marrying for money. In Alice aude Askew's story of "The Tempt-

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gleaming teeth, cruel teeth," and said to "It was curious to observe the feeling ful that he destroys it when he recovers love to me?"

Little Lady Flora Carteret, who was ties have to deal with deformed as well as diminutive, acquainted the duke with the wickedness of his duchess in making love to Paul. It was a brave thing to do. The duke was large and terrible. Happily Rupert Temple. the duke's secretary, came upon the scene in the nick of time. He saw "the tiny story of "Crag Ness" (G. W. Dillingham elfin creature swaying in the grip of the Duke of Berkshire." He "recognized that there was danger in the duke's eyes and that if he had come in a second later he might have come too late." Said Rupert: "What are you about? Remove your hands from Lady Plora at once." This was both a reasonable and an effectual command. 'The duke with a start and a long, horrible shudder suddenly came to soo pages each suffice. The last thirty himself again. The blood lust left him. world, instead of a big. primitive giant." He let go of Lady Flora.

Duchees Henrietta when her husband she was when she was beating her doz. Her fierce laughter was terrible to listen to" as she cried: "Love him? I hate Chester hate him as I never hated any living thing!" ('lenching her hands then. she muttered awfully to herself "I thought him a strong man but he is too much a coward to risk the loss of his reputation or his soul. He'd never burn in hell for a woman's sake Fool that I was to have struck the other's breast, passing clean ished her from England She lived in a the reader puzzled till it is solved, and phrases The duke banproud solation in the Sahara Desert and the incidents, though startling, are simple broud solation in the Sanara Desert and and natural and follow on one another written by a negro in Robert Lewis War. listened to the sound in her neart of the with remarkable logic. The score is in ing's "As We See It" (C. F. Sudwarth. Meantime all was quite well with n the next chapter we find Rob Maury. Paul and f.ady Susan.

The Catholic Encyclopedia

With Volume VII, which goes from Gregory XII through Infallibility, that valuable and admirably planned book of reference "The Catholic Encycloredia. published by the Robert Appleton Company, New York, is half done. The promer Sheridan, who was riding from Win-portion of articles dealing with general information, such as notices of artists. dan gave him orders. He said: "Off with musicians, authors, geography, ethnography and so forth, seems even larger than in the earlier volumes.

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Valuable as this work is to Catholica it will be of still greater service to non-Catholics who wish to learn what the he story reads like a poem. That is precise, orthodox views of the Church are on many subjects of sectarian contro-The encyclopædia bears Archbishop Farley's imprimator

Bob Evams Again.

Though the events recorded in "An Paul Chester" (R. F. Fenno and Admiral's Log" by Rear Admiral Robley iy it is made known that Paul, D. Evans (Appletons) are not comparable isely loving husband, had come in importance or in interest with those while the honeymoon was in his account of his fighting days, they ing upon a letter that his wife was make mighty entertaining reading. From her favorite sister. Surely it his retirement Admiral Evans is able to had as well as careless to leave speak with more blunt freedom than when otter lying about. The lines that he was on active duty, and in his account "Don't let father frighten of his later career he induiges in grummarrying a man for money as bling and criticism. He does not mention shiened me, for I tell you my posi- names, but as he gives exact dates it is

Besides departmental duties Admiral bought and sold." Paul kissed Evans held various appointments that an his wife, no more. It might attracted attention after actaining flag that she would be thankful. rank. He was put in charge of Prince she was for a time, but there Henry of Prussia when he visited this ange in her sentiments re- country; he was assigned to the Asiatic Paul This is clearly indicated station, where he later commanded: he says: "She sprang from was placed in command of the North Har face had grown very pale. Atlantic fleet, which he conducted around the was trembling pitifully; then the Continent to San Francisco on its

tints covered sofa and buried. There is much instructive criticism of ad amid a pile of cushions. 'I love the navy in his breezy chapters. He love him and he hates me!" between the navy and the army rewards ory also shows that it may not be for the Spanish war. He gives an inyoung man who is going to teresting instance at the start of female Parliament to interfere with a influence in the Navy Department. had whom he finds atrociously is outspoken in his observations. He s her dog. The lady "showed her notes for instance in the Philippines

Paul: "I am dangerous when I hate!" of distrust which the Filipinos enter- his senses. He hints pretty strongly She was qualified to be dangerous to him tained for us. It afterward grew into at an unspeakably wicked past, but his in the matter of his political ambition; she positive hatred, until to-day many of friend assures us that he has been well was Henrietta, Duchess of Berkshire, wife them do not hesitate to say they would behaved. The thought then arises that of the Prime Minister. As it happened, be glad to have the Spaniards back in he has an unusually bad case of poetic she fell in love with Paul. She was a our stead. He hits the nail on the head frenzy; this changes to suspicion of woman of extraordinary fascinations, and in a conversation he reports with a Manila actual diabolical possession, as all sorts he might have succumbed to them if his merchant : I asked him if he would he might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed to them it his increased by the might have succumbed by the might have successful to also been extraordinary. These powers the city cut through the old walls and let of his are foreshadowed in what he said in air and light, thus improving the sanito Lady Susan, his wife, whose tardy love tary conditions. He admitted that we had to describe them; the fault is cured by a had now grown to the dimensions of a done these things, but not with the con- flash of lightning which makes him blind great jealousy. Said he, hoursely: "Susan, sent of the people, who were satisfied The story is told pleasantly, but it is diffihow dare you! You've no right to insult with things as they stood and did not want me like this. Do you think I'm the sort any of our new sanitary methods and imof man to make love to my neighbor's provements " "One could not argue with his case wife, or allow my neighbor's wife to make such a fool," says Admiral Evans; but it

Messages of the Governors

Auseful and valuable set of documents has been edited in eleven volumes by of the torture of a rather commonplace Charles Z. Lincoln in "Messages from the Governors' (J. B. Lyon Company, Albany) It is an official publication and contains all true enough, to be sure; exact pictures of the communications sent to the legislative society life; caustic remarks; the indiassembly since New York had such an vidual accuracy of all making up a colassembly. The series begins with Gov. Dongan in 1683 and ends with Gov. Higgins

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Some Spring Fiction.

Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Chicago, The part written in Biblical The impression of impending danger is language is effective; it jars, however conveyed at the start, the mystery keeps with many loose colloquial locutions and the snowy wilds of the far North, and the Washington, D. C. people with their passions are pretty is to show the inferiority in all regards heroine and the halfbreed guide are pegroes. While many incidents show attractive, and the minor characters have observation, we cannot say that the venfor the hero's perils is strong enough to can help the race problem in any way justify them, but is horrible. We hope he was able to satisfy his employers after present have been turned into story form his enforced wanderings

Green again writing an exciting mystery has been "novelized" by Porter Emerson story in "The House of the Whispering Browne, the author of the play. For the Pines" (G. P. Putnam's Sons). The suspicion of guilt is shifted about skilfully till the end, when the abrupt solution of employed the mystery seems unnatural and weak, the desire to dely expectation may be carried too far. There is more effort to give substance to the characters than is the young woman's sufferings might have wen abridged to advantage

and children will to low the little become true fairy tale spirit, but the end is be that the tale contains some mystic thought which has escaped us.

Mrs. Henry Dudeney's "The titled "Of the Old Fashion. Shoulder-Knot" (Cassell and Company. New York). He is a literary man who

of persons notice a spot on his shoulder makes him see the insides of people and cult to sympathize with the emotions of the sufferer or of those who are observing

Those who take their pleasures sadly is such fools that the Philippine authorities have to deal with Apprentice to Truth" (G. P. Putnam's sons; It is an essay in the realism that regards only the sordid and mean side of things. What story there is tells young woman. There are photographic likenesses of various other women. lective presentation of life which we believe to be as false as it is disagreeable That seems to be the fashion in one school of American fiction. For the second

Again Mr Harold Bindioss turns to the great Northwest for his scene in "Thurston of Orchard Valley" (Frederick A late the struggles of an engineer against adverse circumstances, with the necessary love story attached Mr Bind to preferring his African tales, which are somewhat shorter and stronger

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books are published by Adrian Hoffman usual with this author, the people involved "Joline in "At the Library Table" (Richard ere all rather unpleasant, however, and G. Badger, Boston). They are old fashioned enough to give the impression of having been written for the author's own The beginning of a pretty fairy tale, entertainment; they deal with books and Flutterfly," by Clara Louise Burnham people that few care to talk about now-(Houghton Mifflin Company), is charming, adays. The two longest essays seek to do justice to authors who were popular in with delight into the frost country that is their day and are unduly underrated thrown open to her through the window nowadays. William Harrison Ainsworth The adventures are told in the and G. P. R. James. In both the author quotes freely from his autograph collecabrupt and leaves things unexplained, tion. Mr. Joline shows that Stevenson which will not do with children. It may could appreciate James; he has taken the trouble to count the "solitary horseman" openings and finds that the number has All manner of unpleasant surmises will been greatly exaggerated. New Yorkers he made regarding the character of the with memories will enjoy the paper en-

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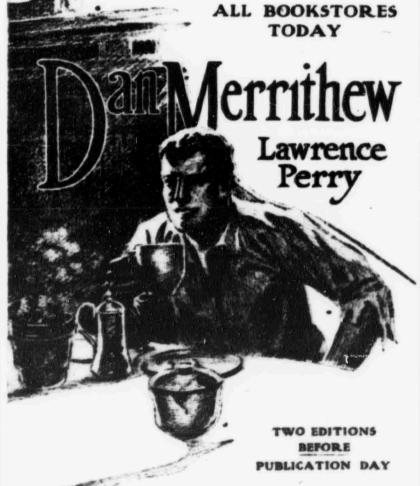
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